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NOVEL GERANYLGERANYL PYROPHOSHATE SYNTHASE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This amendment includes:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.